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Letter from H.S. Elliott to James B. Finley

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Handwritten arithmetic calculations, including a large sum of 269510555 and several smaller additions and subtractions.

Herrnautown, O. Jan. 1, 1853
Father Greeley:

Dear Sir:— I am about commencing the publication of a neat little Monthly Magazine to be devoted to Christian experience and practical Christianity. Its title will probably, more fully, give you an idea of the real character of the work. It is to be called "The Belass Mate."

I design procuring an original religious experience, to be the leading article in each number. Or, if too lengthy for one number, to divide it, and give it in parts untill completed.

Will you be so good as to furnish me yours; and I will try to make it do some good.

"The Belass Mate," will contain sixteen pages to the number, beside the cover, and the size of the pages will be

about the name of the "Guide to
Holiness." a mark I suppose you have
often seen. It will however contain
more reading matter than 16 pages
of the "Guide."

I wish to have an article of "experience"
to occupy about from 4 to 6 pages of
each number. Generally, not over 5.
If you consent to furnish me your
experience, you can write ^{it} out in such
style and at such length as you may
think will best answer the end for
which it is intended, — viz, "to do
good."

I shall write to other individuals
from time to time, for their experience,
as I may need them, but I have
chosen to commence with you.
Please therefore, do not deny me
the pleasure of having it for the
benefit of my Magazine.

I am commencing the enterprise
under very encouraging circumstances.
All our friends seem to think that
a cheap organ for class meetings is

much needed. Especially do the
poor of our church feel the want of
such a work.

The first No. will be issued about
the middle of this month (January
1845). The matter for it is now
in the hands of the printer, & runs so its

I would enquire also, where the
engraving of your portrait is, that is
found in your "Prison Life." And if
in your possession or about the
Bapt. Concern, wheather I could
not either get it a short time, or
get pictures enough from it, at the
Bapt. Concern, to fill the edition
of my Magazine containing your
experience; and on what terms &c.

Please be kind enough to
answer this by return mail
as I must address some one else
if you refuse to comply.

Respectfully, Yours
in Christian faith

And the fraternal hands of T. L. P. & G.

H. S. Ellliott

P. S. Huzzah for the Maine Concern